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I. Introduction

There was no activity regarding Michigan oil and gas law for the period of August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023.

II. Statutory Law

A. Michigan House Bill No. 4036

While there were no significant state legislative or regulatory developments in Michigan during the period examined, a new bill was introduced to the Michigan Legislature regarding the use and development of natural gas. Michigan House Bill No. 4036 (the “Bill”) was introduced on January 19, 2023, as a proposal to prohibit municipalities from imposing bans on the use of natural gas or the installation of natural gas infrastructure.¹ The purpose of the Bill is to make any ordinance, resolution, or policy adopted by the governing body of a municipality void and unenforceable.² Proponents of the Bill advocate for limited government intervention in Michigan’s natural gas industry. On January 19, 2023, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation.³ No vote is scheduled at this time.

III. Administrative Law

No new developments for the period searched.

IV. Common Law

No new developments for the period searched.

V. Conclusion

Although there were no new developments to Michigan’s oil and gas law during the period searched, the proposed legislative measure discussed above could have a substantial impact on the use and development of natural gas.

1. H.B. No. 4036, 102nd Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. at 1 (Mich. 2023).

2. *Id.* at 2.

3. *Id.* at 3.